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- 1. DEPARTMENT TODAY SURFACED IDENTITY LENINGRAD CONGEN OFFICER INVOLVED IN SCUFFLE JANUARY 10. FOLLOWING ARE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TO BE DRAWN UPON AS NEEDED:
- 1. QUESTION: WAS AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT BEATEN UP IN LENINGRAD ON JANUARY 10 AND WHAT CAN YOU SAY ABOUT IT?

A: DAVID W. SCHORER, A VICE CONSUL ASSIGNED TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN LENINGRAD, WAS INVOLVED IN A SCUFFLE WITH SEVERAL MEN LATE IN THE AFTERNOON ON JANUARY 10. THIS OCCURRED WHILE HE WAS RETURNING FROM A ROUTINE CONSULAR VISIT TO A HOSPITAL.

2. QUESTION: WHY DO WE THINK THIS HAPPENED? LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A: I CAN'T REALLY SPECULATE ON THAT.

3. QUESTION: HOW DID WE FIND OUT ABOUT THE INCIDENT?

A: AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT, MR. SCHORER WAS TAKEN TO A SOVIET POLICE STATION FROM WHICH HE CONTACTED THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL.

4. QUESTION: WHERE IS MR. SCHORER NOW?

A: UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, HE RETURNED HOME ON CONSULTATION AND HE IS NOW ON LEAVE.

5. QUESTION: WAS HE INJURED?

A: I WOULD BEST DESCRIBE IT AS BEING ROUGHED UP.

6. QUESTION: WHAT WERE HIS DUTIES AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL AND WHAT WERE THE CHARGES LEVIED AGAINST HIM, IF ANY?

A: MR. SCHORER PERFORMED NORMAL CONSULAR FUNCTIONS.

7. QUESTION: IS IT TRUE THAT HE IS A MEMBER OF THE CIA?

A: HE IS A STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE AND IN OUR VIEW WAS NOT ENGAGED IN IMPROPER ACTIVITIES.

8. HAVE STATE DEPARTMENT AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT THIS ENTIRE MATTER?

A: YES.

9. IS AN EPISODE SUCH AS THIS CONSONANT WITH THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE?

A: I WOULD NOT COMMENT OR SPECULATE ON THAT.

10. QUESTION: CAN YOU PUT US IN TOUCH WITH MR. SCHORER TO GET HIS VERSION OF THE FACTS?
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A: NO, HE IS ON LEAVE. RUSH UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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